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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/669,330	SUZUKI ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit	
John M. Villecco	2612	

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 May 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-3,5-12 and 14-28 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1-3,5-12 and 14-21 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 22-28 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 24 May 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION II

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant has incorporated objected to subject matter from the previous office action into the independent claims from the previous action. Therefore, the applicant has placed the claims into condition for allowance.
2. Additionally, applicant has added new claims 22-28, thus necessitating a new search and subsequently a new grounds of rejection. Please see the new grounds of rejection presented below.

Drawings

3. The drawings were received on May 24, 2004. These drawings are accepted.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. **Claims 22-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morgan (U.S. Patent No. 4,992,866) in view of Oya et al. (European Publ. No. EP 0734157 A2).**

6. Regarding **claim 22**, Morgan discloses a map display device in the form of touch screen (30), an input means which could be a users finger or a mouse pointer (44), a processor (20) which serves as the camera selection device since it selects the best camera for viewing the designated point, and a camera control device, also in the form of the processor (20) for directing the cameras based on the input to the touch screen or using the PTZ control (42). See column 2, line 63 to column 3, line 58.

Additionally, although Morgan discloses the ability to select a camera that is closest and can “see” the desired area, Morgan does not disclose how this is accomplished. Morgan fails to specifically disclose that the camera selection device selects the optical camera in accordance with different tables which are set for each of the monitoring clients. Oya, on the other hand, discloses that it is well known in the art to use tables to relate positions of cameras on a map to one another. More specifically, as shown in Figure 4, Oya discloses that it is well known to relate cameras with their positions on a map, along with the cameras initial direction in a table. This makes it possible to quickly and easily recall and organize data for calculation purposes. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the system of Morgan recall data from a table, as in Oya, so that the calculations for selecting the optimal camera are organized and methodical.

7. As for **claim 23**, Oya discloses in Figure 4 that the data includes a camera, which may be selected, and a position of the camera on a map.

8. With regard to **claim 24**, Oya also discloses that the table include pan and tilt angles of the camera.

9. Regarding *claim 25*, as mentioned above, Oya discloses that the table include pan and tilt angles of the camera.

10. As for *claim 26*, Oya discloses the ability to add or delete cameras from the layout. If camera are added or deleted they would inherently be removed from the table of cameras shown in Figure 4. See column 8, lines 42-44. The user is granted access rights and is therefore privileged. See column 7, lines 39-52.

11. *Claim 27* is considered a method claim substantively equivalent to claim 22. Please see the discussion of claim 22 above.

12. *Claim 28* is considered a control program claim substantively equivalent to claim 22. Please see the discussion of claim 22 above.

Allowable Subject Matter

13. Claims 1-3, 5-12, and 14-21 are allowed.

14. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding *claims 1, 10, and 19*, the primary reason for allowance is that the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest determining if the selected camera is being used by another user and selecting another camera if it is determined that the camera is being used by another user.

15. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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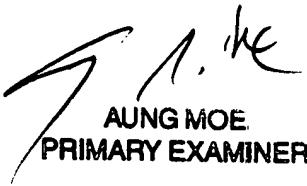
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John M. Villecco whose telephone number is (703) 305-1460. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wendy Garber can be reached on (703) 305-4929. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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